

Village Council Meeting As
A Committee of the Whole
February 11, 2020
6:30 PM

ROLL CALL: Bob Keogh, Bill May, Louann Artiaga, Richard Bingham, and Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Solicitor Kevin Heban, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Police Chief Mark McDonough, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Planning Administrator Tiffany Bachman, Clerk Susan Miller, Jacob Barnes, Tim Jindra, Bob Kimball, Karen Gerhardinger, David Williams, Matt Meeker, and Roberta Thornton.

President of Council, Louann Artiaga called the meeting to order.

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Bob Keogh to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting. 5 ayes

President of Council, Louann Artiaga asked for Citizen Comments pertaining to Agenda items.

- Tim Jindra discussed sidewalk clearing regulations, assistance for the elderly, time frames for enforcement
- Citizens in wheelchairs who utilize sidewalks, complaints from parents/children trying to get to school
- Boy Scouts not volunteering anymore, 4 available volunteers to assist with clearing
- Procedure for enforcement

General

The first order of business was for Zoning Inspector, Jacob Barnes to review new proposed enforcement penalties for certain zoning requirements.

- Current fine with court costs is around \$150, then the process begins all over, less expensive to pay the fine than to fix the issues
- Make changes so that a first offense will be a fourth degree misdemeanor \$250 fine and up to 30 days in jail and a second offense would be a third degree misdemeanor with a \$500 fine and up to 60 days in jail, it would be up to the judge if the jail time is served - not the Village, possibly impose 10 days – stay that time if the property is cleaned up, Ordinance would be required to amend the penalty
- Tax assessment if a property is cleaned up by the Village, easier on a vacant property, sticky situation to forcibly enter an occupied property
- Creating a paper trail for escalating offenses, for the small percentage of residents working the system
- If jail time is occurred, the Village pays \$100-\$150/day
- New builds/structural is different and Maumee does those inspections
- Civil action, common pleas court, one year before can get in front of a judge

Public Service

The next order of business was to review and discuss updated options for Streetscaping Phase 3.

- Tim Bockbrader of The Edge group gave an overview
- Base model \$389,000, Splash pad \$95,000, Trellis \$75,000, Lighting \$2,500, Shade sails, alternates \$232,000, Total cost with alternates \$670,000
- Seating around splash pad, 3'-4' high fence

- Sails perforated material like a screen, hardy, engineered, 5-10 year life span on sails, more instant shade than trees, sails instead of a trellis
- Existing trees possibly blocking splash pad and lights, canopy is higher
- Current shelter at plaza could be relocated, possibly to a dog park
- Splash pad rules signage, pass through system for water, fresh water to the fountain then out to the sewer, recirculation is a pool system that doubles the cost, splash pad proximity to the Street, location away from the park, restroom proximity, engage and energize more of the Downtown, splash pad is 28 feet in diameter, slight slope to center to drain
- Can rent trellis area
- Bike racks
- General's Ice Cream window services is not set to change
- Great job incorporating everyone's concerns and suggestions
- Kids wandering across bike path, getting hit by bikes
- Costs of parallel parking, angled parking, streetscape design elements, master parking plan, back in angled parking, being proactive, not waiting until planning for our growing Village, tight downtown street width, appeal for widening features, seize opportunity to widen and angle parking
- Low probability for grant for a roundabout by First Federal, no crashes or fatalities
- Phase and not finance the whole thing, focus on the park, Park is \$600,000 without the trellis, finance over 10 years, forego streetscaping next year and dedicate \$250,000 for 2 years – will have \$500,000 for streetscaping that will not need to finance, improvements for the long term anyway, finance full scope of the park
- Concerns for age disparity, materials will hold up

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Richard Bingham to recommend to Council to approve the Administrations recommendation to finance the downtown park improvements and phase streetscaping towards the primary school over the next couple of years. 4 ayes 1 nay Bill May

General

The next order of business is to review the donation collection bin policy.

- Two companies filled forms in 2015 – Salvation Army and Special Olympics, not lax in taking care of the bins, responsive to calls
- Current zoning is more strict than what is proposed to be drafted
- Motion activated infrared cameras \$10,000+
- There was still dumping when the bins were located out in the open
- The Village has not had to dispose of any material with any Village funds or manpower, if there is an issue companies respond within 48 hours – they are being responsive, don't have to call the company that often
- Social media issue from a repeat complainer
- Unconstitutional to remove them, cannot ban them, can regulate them, can we mandate they staff it?

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Bill May to recommend to Council to table the Donation Collection Bin discussion. 5 ayes

Public Service

The next order of business was to review a request from a business owner for additional Handicap

Parking on Providence Street

- ADA requirement for 1 for every 25 spaces, another one located by Village Pizza

Motion by Richard Bingham, seconded by Bill May to recommend to Council to approve the request for an additional handicap parking space. 5 ayes

The last order of business was to review the sidewalk clearing program.

- Can this be handled by zoning?
- Police were able to be notify 15 houses in between handling calls, only two officers on duty, don't have the manpower, suggest handle by complaint basis
- Got the information out there, costly in resources
- If the snow is not removed right away it packs down to ice
- Civic group assistance, helping neighbors, low inventory of volunteers, contact churches – will take care of their own
- Snow plowed onto sidewalks right next to the streets
- Citation will not be issued if attempts are made
- Positive response once the word was out, always issues with the first snow of the year
- Education instead of enforcement

Other items discussed:

- Reminders on the Village calendar of seasonal rules and policies
- Steer complaints to the Village website, creates a work order for the issue
- Encouraging residents to attend meetings
- Committee of the Wholes not on the online calendar

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Bill May to adjourn at 8:42 PM. 5 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller
Clerk of Council